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**Wednesday Update**



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## **Lawns that need very little water? A webinar will look at the research being done**

The possibility of having a lawn that needs little watering could be in the future for Californians. [A webinar](#) being offered next week by the [Alliance for Water Efficiency](#) will provide details on work being done at Utah State University. Researchers there are developing turfgrasses that can survive on very little supplemental irrigation. The webinar will be Wednesday, April 1.



## **Advisory committee for Water Storage Investment Program to meet next week**

The stakeholder advisory committee for the California Water Commission's [Water Storage Investment Program](#) will meet Wednesday, April 1, in Sacramento. The [agenda](#) includes discussion on the goals, objectives, and principles of the program which will fund projects that address the long-term water needs for California.

## **Tribal governments invited to sustainable groundwater workshop**

Tribal government representatives from Northern California are invited to a workshop on DWR's [Sustainable Groundwater Program](#). Part of the discussion will be on the program's [draft strategic plan](#). [The workshop](#) will be Monday, April 13, in Red Bluff. Workshops for tribes in the central and southern regions of California will be held at later dates.

## **USGS report provides update on the quality of nation's groundwater**

The latest data on the nation's groundwater quality has been compiled in a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) report, [Water Quality in Principal Aquifers of the United States, 1991-2010](#). It looked at wells used for drinking water and found 20 percent had contaminants that raised potential health concerns. Details, and links to other water quality reports are available on the [USGS Web site](#).



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**WATER PLAN SPLASH**  
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*The Splash is a feature of the California Water Plan eNews to spotlight topics from Update 2013 and its Highlights booklet.*

A section on [science and technology](#) is included in [Volume 4](#) of [California Water Plan Update 2013](#). The first article posted in that section is [Achieving a Sustainable California Water Future through Innovations in Science and Technology](#). It was produced by the California Council on Science and Technology. The report highlights some of the scientific and technological innovations related to water, especially those that can be introduced or applied in California during the next five to 10 years. It also outlines strategies and recommendations for continued investment in innovation. There is also a separate posting of the report's [executive summary](#). This report contributed to the technology recommendations of Update 2013 ([Objective 11](#)).

